

Dear Sirs, I have previously submitted comments in support of allowing satellite radio to continue offering traffic and weather information, and suggesting that the NAB be told to stop efforts to block or ban such efforts. I would add a few other second thoughts on the subject.

At present, I know of no widespread efforts to ban "The Weather Channel" from offering the entire nation its weather forecasts. Given the NABs logic, doesn't THAT "hurt" the local TV stations' ratings/ bottom line?

In a similar way, XM Radio's current service offers traffic and weather for specific cities on individual channels. This is an enhanced service, to my thinking. Say, for example, I want to travel to Seattle. I don't know local stations there, so I have to waste time searching for a radio station in Seattle that offers traffic and weather info. With XM, I know right away that if I tune to 220, I will get Seattle information 24/7/365.

Ours is a highly mobile society, and I feel this service from Xm is very valuable. I have one source to tune to, in the comfort of my home, and immediately I know traffic conditions, roadwork being done...and know what to plan for in terms of weather conditions. I don't have to search for a phone number, try to find a station..I know current information before I leave home. Again, some of this is information being carried by satellite-delivered TV. Why is satellite-delivered radio more "threatening" ?

I urge you to vote "no" on petition 04-160 and allow XM Radio to continue to offer these services.

Thank you,
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